



Child Care Bureau

Early Learning Opportunities Act Discretionary Grant Awards Fiscal Year 2005

On September 30, 2005, the Administration on Children, Youth and Families awarded the Fiscal Year 2005 Early Learning Opportunity Act (ELOA) discretionary grants to 42 Local Councils in 26 States, including one federally recognized Indian Tribe. The awards range from \$369,450 to \$1 million and the project period for all of the grants is September 30, 2005 through February 28, 2007 (17 months).

Each of the grantees (Local Councils) will promote enhancing early childhood literacy¹ as part of their approved project. In addition, each grantee is required to include two or more of the following ELOA activities as part of their project: promoting effective parenting²; helping parents, caregivers, child care providers, and educators increase their capacity to facilitate child development and promote learning readiness³; developing linkages among early learning programs and health care services for young children⁴; increasing access to early learning opportunities for young children with special needs⁵; increasing access to existing early learning programs by expanding the days or times that young children are served, by expanding the number served, or by improving the affordability of the programs for low-income families⁶; improving the quality of early learning programs through professional development and training activities, increased compensation, and recruitment and retention incentives for providers⁷; and removing ancillary barriers to early learning, including transportation difficulties and absence of programs during nontraditional work times⁸.

Listed below are the recipient Local Councils and their fiscal agents (if applicable), as well as the ELOA activities (by number above) that each grantee is implementing.

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State: Alabama

Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Madison County Children's Policy Council

Grantee's Fiscal Agent: National Children's Advocacy Center

Project Title: Building Blocks Project

Geographic Service Area: Huntsville, Madison County and Decatur, Morgan County, AL

Region: 4

Telephone: 256-327-3761

City and State: Huntsville, AL

ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8

Grant Amount: \$972,590

State: Arizona
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Community Council on Early Childhood Education and Development
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Northern Arizona
Project Title: Early Learning Opportunities Project
Geographic Service Area: Flagstaff and Leupp in Coconino County, AZ
Region: 9
Telephone: 928-773-9813
City and State: Flagstaff, AZ
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7
Grant Amount: \$415,303

State: California
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Child Care Planning Council Action Network
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Contra Costa County Office of Education
Project Title: Contra Costa Early Learning Project
Geographic Service Area: Contra Costa County, CA
Region: 9
Telephone: 925-942-3308
City and State: Pleasant Hill, CA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, & 7
Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

State: California
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Children and Families First Commission of Ventura County
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: N/A
Project Title: Preschool for All Ventura County
Geographic Service Area: Ventura County, CA
Region: 9
Telephone: 805-648-9990
City and State: Ventura, CA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1 - 7
Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

State: California
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Mendocino County Office of Education
Project Title: Partners in Early Learning
Geographic Service Area: Mendocino County, CA
Region: 9
Telephone: 707-467-5143
City and State: Ukiah, CA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 4, 5, & 7
Grant Amount: \$588,299

State: Colorado
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Early Care and Education Council of Boulder County
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: City of Boulder
Project Title: Planning and Development of a Comprehensive System of Early Care and Education in Boulder County
Geographic Service Area: Boulder County, CO
Region: 8
Telephone: 303-441-3161
City and State: Boulder, CO
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 4, 5, & 7
Grant Amount: \$960,000

State: Connecticut
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: New Haven School Readiness Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Greater New Haven
Project Title: The New Haven Early Learning Success Project
Geographic Service Area: City of New Haven, CT
Region: 1
Telephone: 203-772-2010
City and State: New Haven, CT
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 7
Grant Amount: \$797,172

State: Florida
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: The Jacksonville Early Literacy Partnership
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Jacksonville Children's Commission
Project Title: Bringing Education and Support to Teachers, Parents, and Children
Geographic Service Area: Jacksonville, Duval County, FL
Region: 4
Telephone: 904-630-7250
City and State: Jacksonville, FL
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 7
Grant Amount: \$997,763

State: Georgia
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: The Muscogee County Smart Start Collaborative
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley
Project Title: Muscogee County Smart Start Collaborative
Geographic Service Area: Columbus, Muscogee County, GA
Region: 4
Telephone: 706-577-3971
City and State: Columbus, GA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, & 7
Grant Amount: \$693,406

State: Georgia
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Family Support Council, Inc.
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Success by 6 Leadership Committee
Project Title: Murray-Whitfield Early Learning Project
Geographic Service Area: Whitfield and Murray Counties, GA
Region: 4
Telephone: 706-272-7919
City and State: Dalton, GA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 3
Grant Amount: \$688,244

State: Illinois
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Chicago Early Learning and Literacy Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Action for Children
Project Title: Chicago Early Learning and Literacy Project
Geographic Service Area: City of Chicago, IL
Region: 5
Telephone: 773-769-8025
City and State: Chicago, IL
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 4, 6, & 7
Grant Amount: \$989,637

State: Illinois
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Rockford Early Learning Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: City of Rockford, Department of Human Services
Project Title: Rockford Early Learning Project
Geographic Service Area: Rockford School District Boundaries, IL
Region: 5
Telephone: 815-987-5782
City and State: Rockford, IL
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7
Grant Amount: \$899,949

State: Kansas
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Douglas County Child Development
Project Title: Programs for Partnerships in Early Learning
Geographic Service Area: Lawrence, Douglas County, KS
Region: 7
Telephone: 785-842-8719
City and State: Lawrence, KS
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 5, & 7
Grant Amount: \$853,605

State: Kentucky
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Success by 6 Advisory Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Community Action Council
Project Title: Early Learning Opportunities Project
Geographic Service Area: Fayette County, KY
Region: 4
Telephone: 859-244-2210
City and State: Lexington, KY
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, & 4
Grant Amount: \$921,494

State: Massachusetts
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Cambridge 0-8 Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Cambridge Public Schools
Project Title: Learning, Language, and Literacy for All
Geographic Service Area: City of Cambridge, MA
Region: 1
Telephone: 617-349-6455
City and State: Cambridge, MA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 7
Grant Amount: \$999,483

State: Massachusetts
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Greater Lawrence Community Partnerships
for Children Council, Inc.
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Greater Lawrence Community Action Council
Project Title: Greater Lawrence CARE's: Comprehensive Approaches to Resources for Education
Geographic Service Area: Cities of Lawrence and Methuen, and Towns of Andover and North
Andover, MA
Region: 1
Telephone: 978-681-4900, ext. 405
City and State: Lawrence, MA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 5
Grant Amount: \$958,827

State: Maryland
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Family Support Strategy Committee
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Family League of Baltimore City, Inc.
Project Title: Increasing Early Literacy for Families
Geographic Service Area: Communities within East and West Baltimore, MD
Region: 3
Telephone: 410-662-5500
City and State: Baltimore, MD
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 3
Grant Amount: \$842,608

State: Maine
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Coastal ACCESS
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Coastal Economic Development Corporation
Project Title: Early Learning Project
Geographic Service Area: Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, Waldo, and Northern Cumberland
Counties, ME
Region: 1
Telephone: 207-442-7963 Ext. 215
City and State: Bath, ME
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 5, & 7
Grant Amount: \$919,346

State: Michigan
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Lenawee's CHILD Advisory Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Lenawee Intermediate School District
Project Title: Lenawee's CHILD
Geographic Service Area: Lenawee County, MI
Region: 5
Telephone: 517-266-4825
City and State: Adrian, MI
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 5, & 8
Grant Amount: \$715,959

State: Missouri

Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Metropolitan Council on Early Learning

Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Mid-America Regional Council

Project Title: Greater Kansas City Learning Initiative

Geographic Service Area: Johnson, Wyandotte, and Leavenworth Counties, KS and Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray Counties, MO

Region: 7

Telephone: 816-701-8222

City and State: Kansas City, MO

ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7

Grant Amount: \$1,000,000

State: Missouri

Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Success by 6 Partnership

Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Greater Saint Joseph

Project Title: Enrichment through Investment

Geographic Service Area: Saint Joseph, MO

Region: 7

Telephone: 816-364-2381

City and State: Saint Joseph, MO

ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 7

Grant Amount: \$594,357

State: New Mexico

Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Success by 6 Council

Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Santa Fe, Inc.

Project Title: Agua Fria Children's Zone/ Success by 6 Project

Geographic Service Area: Santa Fe County, NM

Region: 6

Telephone: 505-982-2002

City and State: Santa Fe, NM

ELOA Activity Codes: 1 - 8

Grant Amount: \$795,137

State: New York

Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Partnership for Results, Inc.

Grantee's Fiscal Agent: N/A

Project Title: Early Learning Opportunities Act Project

Geographic Service Area: City of Auburn and surrounding communities, NY

Region: 2

Telephone: 315-282-0005, ext. 12

City and State: Auburn, NY

ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 7

Grant Amount: \$405,415

State: New York

Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Erie County Early Learning Enhancement Council

Grantee's Fiscal Agent: EPIC, Inc.

Project Title: The Erie County Early Learning Enhancement Initiative

Geographic Service Area: Erie County, NY

Region: 2

Telephone: 716-332-4126

City and State: Buffalo, NY

ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, & 8

Grant Amount: \$999,237

State: North Carolina
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Catawba County Partnership for Children
Grantee's Fiscal Agent:
Project Title: Asset-Based Capacity Development (ABCD) Literacy Initiative
Geographic Service Area: Catawba County, NC
Region: 4
Telephone: 828-328-4848
City and State: Hickory, NC
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 3
Grant Amount: \$394,060

State: North Carolina
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Children's Council of Watauga County
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: N/A
Project Title: Project C.H.I.L.D.: Children Having Increased Literacy Development
Geographic Service Area: Watauga County, NC
Region: 4
Telephone: 828-262-5424
City and State: Boone, NC
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 5, 7, & 8
Grant Amount: \$369,450

State: Ohio
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Mahoning County Family and Children First Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Easter Seals Society of Mahoning, Trumbull, and Columbiana Counties
Project Title: Growing Readers Creating Leaders
Geographic Service Area: Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, OH
Region: 5
Telephone: 330-743-1168
City and State: Youngstown, OH
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 4, & 5
Grant Amount: \$730,524

State: Ohio
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Hamilton County Success by Six Community Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Greater Cincinnati
Project Title: Strengthening Early Learning Project
Geographic Service Area: Hamilton County, OH
Region: 5
Telephone: 513-762-7144
City and State: Cincinnati, OH
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 3, 5, & 7
Grant Amount: \$772,459

State: Oklahoma
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Choctaw Early Learning Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Project Title: Project LIGHT (Literacy Increases Greater Hope For Tomorrow)
Geographic Service Area: Choctaw & McCurtain Counties, OK
Region: 6
Telephone: 580-924-8280, ext. 2641
City and State: Durant, OK
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 7
Grant Amount: \$698,415

State: Pennsylvania
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Literacy through the Arts Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Northampton Community College
Project Title: Promoting and Supporting Early Literacy through the Arts
Geographic Service Area: Southside Bethlehem, Northampton County, MA
Region: 3
Telephone: 610-861-5472
City and State: Bethlehem, PA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 5, & 7
Grant Amount: \$794,459

State: Pennsylvania
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Right From the Start Advisory Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Berks County
Project Title: Right From the Start Early Care and Education Initiative
Geographic Service Area: City of Reading, PA
Region: 3
Telephone: 610-685-4567
City and State: Reading, PA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, & 5
Grant Amount: \$906,217

State: Pennsylvania
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Early Care and Education Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: The Guidance Center
Project Title: Early Care and Education Council Early Learning Opportunities Act
Geographic Service Area: Elk and McKean Counties, PA
Region: 3
Telephone: 814-362-6535
City and State: Bradford, PA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 4
Grant Amount: \$700,000

State: South Carolina
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: United Way's Success by Six Community Initiative
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties
Project Title: AGES Early Literacy Project
Geographic Service Area: Greenwood and Abbeville Counties, SC
Region: 4
Telephone: 864-229-4103
City and State: Greenwood, SC
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, & 8
Grant Amount: \$994,926

State: South Carolina
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Lancaster County First Steps
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: N/A
Project Title: Early Learning Opportunities for Lancaster County
Geographic Service Area: Lancaster County, SC
Region: 4
Telephone: 803-286-8000
City and State: Lancaster, SC
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7
Grant Amount: \$488,592

State: Texas
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Child Care Community Advisory Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Tarrant County Workforce Board
Project Title: Neighborhood Early Literacy Hubs
Geographic Service Area: Tarrant County, TX
Region: 6
Telephone: 817-413-4441
City and State: Fort Worth, TX
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 3
Grant Amount: \$687,138

State: Texas
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Success by 6 Local Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of the Coastal Bend
Project Title: Coastal Bend Early Learning Opportunities Project
Geographic Service Area: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties, TX
Region: 6
Telephone: 361-882-2529, ext. 24
City and State: Corpus Christi, TX
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, & 8
Grant Amount: \$945,550

State: Texas
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Success by 6 Leadership Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Capital Area
Project Title: Eager to Learn: The Next Generation
Geographic Service Area: Austin, Travis County, TX
Region: 6
Telephone: 512-225-0378
City and State: Austin, TX
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 5
Grant Amount: \$922,391

State: Texas
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Harris County Early Learning Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Collaborative for Children
Project Title: HELP (Harris County Early Learning Program) for Kids, Phase II
Geographic Service Area: Harris County, TX
Region: 6
Telephone: 713-600-1185
City and State: Houston, TX
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7
Grant Amount: \$965,512

State: Virginia
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Success by Six Coalition of the Shenandoah Valley
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Harrisonburg
Project Title: Neighborhood Early Learning Project of the Success by Six Coalition of the Shenandoah Valley
Geographic Service Area: Harrisonburg City, Rockingham and Page Counties, VA
Region: 3
Telephone: 540-434-6639
City and State: Harrisonburg, VA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 8
Grant Amount: \$705,238

State: Washington
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Thurston County Early Childhood Coalition
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: United Way of Thurston County
Project Title: Helping Young Kids Succeed in Thurston County
Geographic Service Area: Thurston County, WA
Region: 10
Telephone: 360-943-2773 Ext. 10
City and State: Olympia, WA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 3
Grant Amount: \$803,187

State: Washington
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Pierce County Early Learning Partnership
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Puget Sound Educational Service District
Project Title: The Early Learning Initiative
Geographic Service Area: Pierce County, WA
Region: 10
Telephone: 206-439-3944
City and State: Burien, WA
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, & 5
Grant Amount: \$997,686

State: West Virginia
Local Council & ELOA Grantee: Barbour and Randolph Counties Local Council
Grantee's Fiscal Agent: Youth Health Services, Inc.
Project Title: Bridging the Gap
Geographic Service Area: Barbour and Randolph Counties, WV
Region:
Telephone: 304-636-9450
City and State: Elkins, WV
ELOA Activity Codes: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
Grant Amount: \$866,900